Reply of Government.—The question of improving the condition of roads is engaging attention. A written representation about the unsatisfactory condition of the particular roads referred to may be sent to the local officers.

SUBJECT NO. 144.

Rates in the Department of Public Works.

Mr. A. Narasimhayya, Malvalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The rates in respect of the works executed in the Marahmat Department were prescribed many years ago. Latterly, the prices of food grains and the rate of wages of coolies have risen very high. The execution of the works at the prevailing rates (*i.e.*, prescribed many years ago) will not be very satisfactory. It is therefore requested that the present rates be caused to be revised.

Reply of Government.—Is under consideration.

SUBJECT NO. 145.

Fencing tank bund roads.

Messrs. Gurikar Venkataramana Gowda, Tigalarahalli Timme Gowda and Yejman Narain Setti, Kankanhalli taluk.

Summary of discussion.—All roads on tank bunds may be ordered to be fenced as otherwise bullocks shy and cause injury to lives and property.

Reply of Government.—Particular cases in which railings are very urgently required may be brought to the notice of the local officers.

RAILWAYS.

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SUBJECT NO. 146.

Extension of railways into the malnad.

(1) Messrs. Venkatasubbannachar, Tammiahbhatta and Agumbi Rama Rao, Tirthahalli taluk.

(2) Mr. C. Vamana Rao, Nagar taluk, and

(3) Messrs. Yagaiyana Krishnappa and A. Narasimhaiengar, Sagar taluk.

Summary of discussion.—It is prayed.—

(1) that railway may be introduced into the malnad as early as possible;

(2) that, for the improvement of the malnad, the opening of the proposed railway lines into the malnad taluks of the Shimoga district and of Kadur-Chikmagalur-Mangalore line of the Kadur district may be commenced early;

(3) that for the improvement of the malnad parts, the railway may be extended from Shimoga to Sagar and lines may be opened so as to be useful to Nagar, Tirthahalli and Shikarpur taluks also.

Reply of Government.—A scheme for connecting Shimoga and Tirthahalli by rail has been sanctioned and arrangements are being made to survey the line. The line will be started as soon as the amount of subscriptions promised by the people is collected. Other lines will also be taken up, if similar financial contributions are received.

SUBJECT NO. 147.

Hassan-Mangalore Railway line.

Messrs. M. L. Narasimhachar, Hassan District Board and M. Venkataramiah, Manjarabad taluk.

Summary of discussion.—To afford facilities for easy communication to the seaport to which malnad people suffering from malaria, etc., may often resort for recoupment of their health, and for convenience of our trade with western countries, it is prayed that Government be pleased to consider the desirability of connecting